

MESSRS. JAMES CAMPBELL & SON have acquired the Ontario Agency of the Rev. Professor McVicar's recent text-books on Arithmetic, and will bring out editions of them at once. The same house is also about to bring out a Canadian edition of Morrell's *Manual of Spelling*, the English edition of which has had a remarkable sale.

MESSRS. COPP, CLARK & CO. announce a new work by Prof. Cherriman, late of Toronto University, assisted by Mr. Alfred Baker, M.A. Its subject is "Plane Trigonometry, as far as the Solution of Triangles." Coming from so high a source as it does, the work will be looked for with eagerness by the profession.

WE are in receipt from Mr. W. Warwick, the Canadian publisher, of the second number of the new volume of the "Boy's Own Paper," issued by the Religious Tract Society, London. We repeat what we have previously said of the work, that it is a periodical that can be heartily and conscientiously commended to young lads, and we trust that it will make its way in this country and displace the vicious literature which too often is to be found in the hands of Canadian youth.

THE season brings to hand, thanks to the enterprise of the book-importing house of Messrs. James Campbell & Son, the favourite annual volumes of the British serials, the *Children's Friend*, the *Infant's Magazine*, the *British Workman*, and the *Band of Hope Review*, whose attractive pictures and wholesome reading bespeak for them entrance into every Canadian household. A conning over of the new volumes is an education to every sense. The youth of the present generation may felicitate themselves on the possession of literary and artistic material in these issues of rare excellence.

MESSRS. W. & A. K. JOHNSTON, the celebrated Edinburgh Map Publishers, have begun the issue of a series of Geography Primers, illustrated with maps, the first five of which deal with the several continents. The series will bear the title of the Pupil-Teacher's

Geographical Year-Books. The same house has just published a "Biological Atlas," for Colleges and Schools, containing 24 plates, and over 400 coloured figures and diagrams illustrative of subjects in Natural History, Physiology, etc. The work is compiled by Prof. McAlpine, Lecturer in Botany, Natural History and Biology in Edinburgh.

A WORK on "The Elements of Natural Philosophy," for the use of Schools and Academies, by Edward J. Houston, A.M. (Philadelphia: Eldredge & Bro., \$1.25), has just reached us. In the book a teacher has materials, collected and arranged in good shape, for a pleasant talk with his scholars on common things, from a popular standpoint. Nothing is attempted from the mathematical point of view.

A TEXT-BOOK on "The Art of Speech, with Studies in Poetry and Prose," by Prof. Townsend, of Boston, has just appeared with the imprimatur of Messrs. D. Appleton & Co. Besides giving a history of speech, with theories of its origin and a statement of its laws, the work contains chapters on diction and idiom, syntax, grammatical and rhetorical rules, style, figures, poetic speech, prose speech, and poetic-prose speech. It forms one of a series of text-books in the Chautauqua course.

FROM Messrs. Harper Bros., New York, we are in receipt of two volumes of essays on Greek poetry, entitled "Studies on the Greek Poets." Their author is Mr. J. Adlington Symonds, whose monograph on "Shelley," for Mr. Morley's series of "English Men of Letters," was so admirably done. "To bring Greek literature home to the general reader, and to apply to the Greek poets the same sort of criticism as that which modern poetry receives," is the purpose Mr. Symonds has had in view in writing these essays. In these closing pages of our present issue we can only indicate the above aim of the writer, and meantime commend the work to the notice of our readers. We shall review the volumes in our next.